253 433 472 lin. Preserving cans are repaired in its own workshops. Moreover, at Kaunas a modern abattoir of „Maistas" has been built for municipal requirements. (The rôle of „Maistas" in our trade is described in the section „Share-capital in Lithuanian Trade").

234 433 5. The dairy-farms show an exemplary growth tempo. The development of Lithuanian butter production is due to the Central Union of Dairy-farming Cooperatives „Pienocentras", concerning whose activity a more detailed report is given in the subsequent section „The Rôle of the Cooperative Societies". The figures contained in the foregoing tables relate moreover only to the larger concerns; the total number of all dairy-farms of the dairy cooperatives included in the production statistics amounted in 1937 to 188.

274 433 6. The number of workers employed in the spirit distilleries remained stationary during the period 1927—1937, whereas the number of concerns rose from 26 to 38.

[WK4] 7. The development of beer breweries showed no material changes from 1927 to 1931. The number of employed workers since the curtailment between 1932 and 1936 for the first time in 1937 exceeded the figures for 1927.

277 433 8. The number of tobacco and cigarette factories and their staffs has decreased since 1931, which was occasioned chiefly by the decline of consumption during the time of crisis.

From the standpoint of the number of undertakings, the mills and dairy-farms constitute the two strongest groups of the foodstuffs industry. According to the number of employed workers, the meat and canned goods industry and the sugar industry head the list, although it must be borne in mind that as regards the last-named, the production campaign lasts only a few months.

b. The Development of Production

433 The total value of the gross production of the foodstuffs and luxury goods industry in 1937 amounted to 178 300 000 litas and the net production to 50 400 000.

These figures are distributed among separate branches as follows (in 1 000 litas):

on this subject is contained in the section on the trade turnover of the „Maistas" joint-stock company.

The butter production figures specified in the foregoing tables relate only to the quantities supplied by the dairy cooperatives, which are used almost exclusively for export. Nearly the entire domestic demand is covered by the home production of the farmers (the so-called country butter) which it is difficult to judge by statistics. The supply of export butter shows constant growth. In 1937 it doubled in round figures in comparison with 1931, which must be ascribed to the fact that it has held its ground on the world market better than bacon.

Spirit, beer, and tobacco production greatly receded during the crisis. The last two years brought about, in connexion with the general economic revival, a new upward trend; while of course the doubling of beer production in 1937 is to be attributed to the reduction of the price in consequence of the lowering of the excise, and that of spirit supply in part to its compulsory admixture with petrol („Motorin").

2. The Textile Industry

The textile industry is the second most important industrial branch of Lithuania. It employs the largest number of workers (in 1937, 20.7% of all industrial workers of Lithuania accrued to it); its share in the aggregate engine horse-power amounts to 9.3% and its share in the production value of all Lithuanian industry to over 14% (gross value, 14.9%; net value, 14.3%).

In the pre-war Lithuania, only approximately 300 workers were employed in this industrial branch. The development of textile undertakings since 1927 is shown by the following comparison:

	1927		1931			1938 (Jan)		1937 (July)
	No. of Concerns	No. of Workers	No. of Concerns	No. of Workers	Capacity of Engines in H. P.	No. of Concerns	No. of Workers	Capacity of Engines in H. P.
Total	55	1 403	60	2 287	2 475	79	7 162	11 673
Including								
Flax Treatment	16	468	10	374	607	10	1 201	1 845
Linen Weaving	3	112	3	200		5	728	
Others Textile Industry	36	823	47	1 710	1 868	64	5 233	9 828